

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/1/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-31 (Re# 1-9).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 7/17/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Allowable Subject Matter

1.0 The present invention is directed to a decoder which reads a first arrangement of sync bits and organizes a frame into a header and data. Next the decoder reads a subset of the sync bits or 0-m bits which are in the first arrangement of sync bits. Based upon the selected 0-m bits a determination as to the content of the sync bits in the header is determined.

The closest prior art is Ikemura (U.S. Patent No.: 5,400,369). Ikemura teaches a decoder that is trying to determine a frame structure by finding the synchronization bits. The decoder determines the frame structure by selecting 16 bits of the received structure. Next 9 windows are searched varying from bits 0-7, 1-8, ..., and finally 8-15 and the value in one of these windows is compared to the value of the expected sync word. When the sync word is found the structure of the frame is then known,

The closest prior art Ikemura (U.S. Patent No.; 5,400,369) does not disclose anticipate or render obvious the following claim limitations:

“the decoder having a second input for selecting the first arrangement of the synchronization bits to be read by selecting a number of synchronization bits in the range from zero to m bits. Selecting the bit position of the synchronization bits in the header section, and selecting the content of each synchronization bit in the header section” as claimed in claim 19.

“the decoder having a second input to select the first arrangement synchronization bits to be read” as claimed in claim 29.

In addition:

Claims 23-28 are allowed because they depend upon claim 19.

Claim 31 is allowed because it depends upon claim 29.

Conclusion

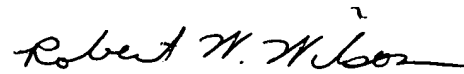
2.0 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert W. Wilson whose telephone number is 571/272-3075.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau T. Nguyen can be reached on 571/272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571/272-8300.

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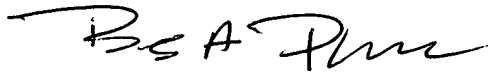
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